

# OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN ANTHONY YOUNG CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE DISTRICT FOUR

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 WEEKLY UPDATE



The San Diego City Council passed a balanced budget for fiscal year 2009-2010. Now the State has balanced its budget on the back of San Diego. The State's action has seriously impacted our ability to keep a balanced budget. We are facing a new budget deficit of over \$60 million. As Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, I requested the Mayor to coordinate strategies in response to this latest State budget take-away with the Council, City Attorney, County of San Diego, and Mayors of other cities in San Diego and through the League of Cities. I will be convening special meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee, as necessary, to expedite any decisions that need Council discussion and action. If we have to re-open the City's budget process to effect changes, we will unfortunately have to do so. Again, as we were last year, we are facing extraordinary budget problems caused by economic conditions and now a proposed State budget that is threatening to take hundreds of millions of dollars from our City and County. We must take extraordinary steps to address this problem and as we did in the past, with the valuable and needed input of the citizens of San Diego, we will successfully address it.

Councilman Tony Young Chair, Budget & Finance Committee www.sandiego.gov/budgetandfinance/

## **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

On Tuesday September 8, 2009, the San Diego City Council approved notifying all residents who receive water bills of a proposal to increase their water bills. The City Council will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2009 to consider the water rate increase that was approved by the County Water Authority and effective September 2009. Unfortunately, the City is forced to pass on these water rate increases unless a majority of the water customers formally protest the increases. The Notice being sent will also inform water customers how to register a protest against these rate increases. If adopted, the adjusted fees and rates would become effective January 1, 2010. Single family home owners could see a monthly water rate increase ranging from \$0.12 cents to \$4.73.

On Tuesday September 8, 2009, the San Diego City Council approved changing the September 14, 2009 City Council meeting start time from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The meeting location will remain unchanged. In our efforts to encourage public participation at City Council meetings, we adopted an ordinance specifying that evening meetings be scheduled throughout the year. The Council President has made arrangements to hold the first of these Council meetings on the evening of Monday, September 14, 2009. The meeting will take place in Council Chambers at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101 and will begin at 6:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you on Monday evening. Issues we will be discussing include the Homeless Winter Shelter Program.



During the month of August San Diego County released a health report and update on the H1N1 Virus commonly known as the Swine Flu. Over 1,000 cases of H1N1 were recorded in San Diego County and unfortunately 18 people have died. With the start of the new school year and the start of a new flu season, I cannot emphasize how important it is for all San Diegans to educate themselves and their families as much as possible.

#### Some things you can do if you catch the flu include:

- Stay home;
- Cover your cough, use a tissue and put it in the trash;
- Use your upper sleeve if no tissue is available;
- Wash your hands;
- Stay at least six feet away from others;
- Get plenty of bed rest;
- Drink a lot of liquids;
- Seek medical advice for severe symptoms.

Please note that at the time of this writing, steps to manufacture and distribute the pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccine are being made, and decisions about its use, distribution or other details are being made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more information about pandemic H1N1 influenza, please visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/flu/h1n1, or call their general information line, 1-800-232-4636, which is available 24 hours a day. You can also visit the County's H1N1 influenza site, at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/Portal/News/swineflu.html.

## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Join me at the 2009 San Diego Praise Fest that will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Federal Blvd. from 48<sup>th</sup> Street to Euclid Avenue. Experience the synergy of our community at this free event featuring live music on three stages, health information, educational resources, an open air marketplace, kids zone, education row and food court all in a fusion of inspiration, wellness and cultural empowerment. For more information call (858) 650-3190, email contact@sandiegopraisefest.com or visit www.sandiegopraisefest.com.

Meet and Greet for Jamacha Community residents at a free Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Keiller Park. Adults must accompany their children. Ice cream will be served on a first come first served basis.



Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association presents Neighborhood Law School on September 14, 23 & 28 and October 7, 12 & 21 at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market St.) from 6:00 p.m. until 7:50 p.m. Free seminar topics include: conservatorship, unlawful detainer, child custody/marriage dissolution and foreclosure law and related issues. For more information, contact Marcel Stewart at (619) 702-4123 or lmslaw@att.net.

<u>United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) will host their Clergy/Community Leaders Educational Breakfast Series: Principles of Business and Organizational Management on Tuesday, September 15, 2009</u> at 9:00 a.m. The breakfast will be held at the UAAMAC Offices (4981 Market Street). \$10 donation is appreciated. Space limited. To RSVP and for more information call Jordanna Kidd at (619) 264-1213 or email clinkscales@uaamac.com.

<u>Fiestas Patrias 2009: Celebrate the Independence of Mexico on Saturday,</u>
<u>September 19, 2009</u> from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Market Creek Plaza (310 Euclid Ave.) Enjoy live music, family activities, Mexican food and a car show.

Community Actors Theatre (CAT) proudly presents *Mary's Memories* through September 20, 2009 at the CAT located at 2957 24th Street. This comedy play is written and directed by Jennie Hamilton and will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8p.m. and on Sundays at the 3:00 p.m. matinee. General admission is \$14; \$12 donations for seniors/students/military/disabled. Reservations are recommended. For more information call (619) 264-3391 or visit www.communityactorstheatre.com.

**2009** College/Intern Recruiting Fair to be held on September 24, 2009 at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Community Center (404 Euclid Ave.) from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Job seekers and college students looking for intern positions and others wishing to enroll in college are encouraged to attend. For more information call (619) 277-9909 or visit www.internrecruiter.com. This Fair is sponsored by the US College Fairs in collaboration with Intern Recruiter and Diversity Solutions.

Free Flu Shot Kick-Off & Meet the Pharmacist Day for seniors on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Community Center (6401 Skyline Drive). RSVP deadline is September 21, 2009; reservations are required. Call 1-877-926-8300. Event is sponsored by AARP, Black Nurses Association and San Diego Immunization Coalition.

15<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego Black Business Weekend, September 25 & 26, 2009. The Small Business Roundtable will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, at Legends Sport Bar; the cost is \$20 per person. The Black Business BBQ will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Marie Widman Park (6800 Imperial Ave.) where you can network, enjoy entertainment and food and visit with vendors. For more information, call (619) 262-4922.



Friends of the Oak Park Library will host their next meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Library. The next book sale will take place on Saturday October 24th from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All types of books are needed especially children's, non-fiction and cook books.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Filipino-American Arts and Culture Festival will take place on October 3, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Paradise Valley Road between Woodman Street and Gilmartin Drive in the beautiful community of Paradise Hills. This event will showcase two stages with various performances throughout the day, delicious cuisine, informational and commercial vendor booths, a children's area and an art exhibit. The festival is a free event and is open to the general public. Please join us for a fun filled day for the whole family to enjoy! For additional information, visit www.filamfest.com or call (619) 236-6701.

Join the 4<sup>th</sup> District Senior Resource Center and the Charles L. Lewis III

Foundation at their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, October 3, 2009

from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Community Center (570 So. 65th Street) Admission for adults is \$6 and children 12 and under are \$4. For more information call (619) 266-2066.

<u>Sign up for fall sports at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA</u>. This season soccer, flag football, and basketball will be offered for children ages pre-school to high school. Financial assistance is available! For more information please contact Jesse Campos, 619-977-9920 or jcampos@ymca.org. Check out Y's website at www.jackierobinson.ymca.org.

The Veteran of the Year program of the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center is seeking nominations from District Four for the Veteran of the Year award. If you know of a veteran or organization that supports our Veterans and the Military, please contact Benelia Santos-Hunter of my office at (619) 236-6644. For more information on qualifications, visit www.veteranmuseum.org. The deadline for applications is October 2, 2009.

Financial Literacy Classes and Services are being offered by the Urban League of San Diego County. For more information please call Henry Miles at (619) 266-6251 or email henry.miles@sdul.org

<u>Business Made Easy with the Airport</u> - The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is committed to the San Diego region and ensuring that local small, disadvantaged, disabled veteran, and other business enterprises have every opportunity to do business with the Airport. The Authority utilizes BidsOnLine; a web-based bid



management system that will simplify doing business with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. For more information or to register or business, visit www.san.org/business.

#### Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup event areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

# **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are. Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission. Councilman Young is seeking qualified individuals to nominate for service on the following Boards and/or Commissions.

### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

Date	Community Meeting	Time	Location	Staff
September 10	O'Farrell Park Town Council	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park and Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive	Bruce Williams
September 14	Jamacha Community Council	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church 7210 Lisbon Street	Bruce Williams
September 14	Southeastern Planning Com- mittee	7:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 <sup>st</sup> Street	Bruce Williams
September 14	Paradise Hills Watch Council	7:00 p.m.	United Church of Christ 5810 Alleghany Street	Liezl Mangonon
September 15	Webster Community Council	7:00p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street	Jimmie Slack
September 16	Mt. View Community Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park and Recreation Center 641 S. Boundary Street	Venus Molina
September 16	Paradise Hills Village Council	6:30 p.m.	Lee Elementary School 6169 Childs Avenue	Liezl Mangonon
September 17	Martin Luther King Recreation Council	12 noon	MLK Park and Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive	Roosevelt Williams
September 17	Lomita Village Town Council	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park and Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive	Venus Molina



# **SAVE THIS DATE:**

United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) will host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Career and Health Fair on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the UAAMAC offices (4981 Market Street). The event is free of charge and will offer complimentary health testing including diabetes, confidential HIV/AIDS and high blood pressure screenings. Refreshments will be services. For more information call (619) 264-1213 or email gbrown@uaamac.com.

NAACP San Diego Branch Freedom Fund Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel (1 Park Blvd.) The reception will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by the dinner and program at 7:00 p.m. For ticket and sponsorship information call Dr. Shirley Weber, Branch First Vice President and Freedom Fund Dinner Chairperson at (619) 592-6550, Myrtle V. Cole, Freedom Fund Dinner Vice Chair at (619) 263-7254 or visit www.sandiegonaacp.org.

Jackie Robinson Family YMCA is hosting their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Over 2,000 children and families will be served at the party. If you would like to participate as a community vendor please contact Anna Arancibia at 619.977.1179 or email aarancibia@ymca.org.

**THANK YOU...**for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis or be removed from the mailing list, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.

